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REMARKS

Applicants sincerely appreciate the thorough examination of the present application. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 16, 18-25 and 27-32 and the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 4-11 and 14. Applicants have amended the claims above to the form indicated as allowable to expedite issuance of the present application as a patent and without prejudice to Applicants right to file a continuation application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this case is now in form for allowance.

Claims 3-11 and 13-15 Are In a Form Indicated as Allowable

Rejected Claims 1-2 and 12 have been canceled. Claims 4 and 14 have been rewritten in independent form to place them in a form indicated as allowable. The dependencies of Claims 3, 13 and 15 have been amended in light of the cancellation of Claims 1-2 and 12. Therefore, Claims 3-11 and 13-15 are now in a form indicated as allowable. Applicants submit that the pending rejections and objections should now be withdrawn as obviated.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request allowance of all the pending claims and passing this application to issue.

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